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St/I/R (Attn: Mr. [REDACTED]).

7 June 1955

Thru : Chief, D/S.

Chief, S/COM.

OSR Economic Requirement No. 9074 dated 10 May 1955, NEAR EAST/AFRICA.

Reportedly the Afghans believe the Pakistanis are consciously attempting to strangle Afghan international communications. Unless the current situation improves, the Afghans are reported to be considering the negotiation of an agreement with the Soviets to provide Afghanistan with uninterrupted access to international communications channels:

1. In what way is Pakistan attempting to strangle Afghan international communications? Does this Pakistan plan envision the strangling of international telecommunications as well? Do all the international wireline facilities in Afghanistan lead through Pakistan?
2. Has there been any move on the Afghans part to carry out the threat? if so, when and in what way? How extensive are these plans and in what way do the Afghans intend to gain international communications through the USSR?
3. Are there any new construction projects or increase in telecommunications facilities leading from Afghanistan to the USSR border?

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TO : Chief, D/S, ORR

DATE: 10 May 1955

FROM : Chief, Intelligence Information Staff, ORR

SUBJECT: Economic Requirements for OCI Periodic Requirements List for the  
Months 1 July - 31 October 1955 - NEAR EAST/AFRICA (ORR 9074)

1. Your office is invited to submit requirements for the OCI Periodic Requirements List on the Near East and Africa for the period 1 July - 31 October 1955. A sample current OCI List herewith attached will serve as a guide in the preparation of requirements on any of the above countries.

2. If your office is interested in submitting requirements, it should be borne in mind that they should be current information targets for the guidance of the field and not basic requirements. Where advantageous, some background information should be given.

3. The OCI Periodic Requirements List is designed to forecast for the coming four-month period the developments of significance in the particular area covered and to point up the specific information that is required for effective current intelligence coverage of these developments. The List is used as a guide for both overt and covert collection and is distributed to the following: FI, [REDACTED], FDD, State, Army, Navy, and Air. 25X1A7b 25X1A2g

4. Attention is called to the fact that no requirement is automatically carried over from one period to the next unless it is specifically indicated that it be included in the new list of requirements. Hence, if your office is desirous of continuing requirements from the present list, it should so indicate by "Retain item \_\_\_\_\_, page \_\_\_\_\_" or other suitable phrasing.

5. Any requirements that your office may wish to submit should be forwarded to St/I/R, Room 1217 M Building by Wednesday, 8 June 1955. (Attention: Mr. Lentz) and should reference ORR 9074.

For the Chief,  
Intelligence Information Staff

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Chief, Requirements Branch  
Office of Research and Reports

Attachment: 3 copies: OCI Periodic  
Requirements List, NEAR EAST/AFRICA  
1 March 1955 - 30 June 1955

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